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June 2, 2008

By Hand

Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan
United States District Court Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1310
New York, New York 10007

Re: Juan J. Cortes v. Astrue
08 Civ. 2815 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-captioned action. I write respectfully to request a sixty day extension of defendant's time, from June 2, 2008 to August 1, 2008, to answer or move with respect to the complaint. 4

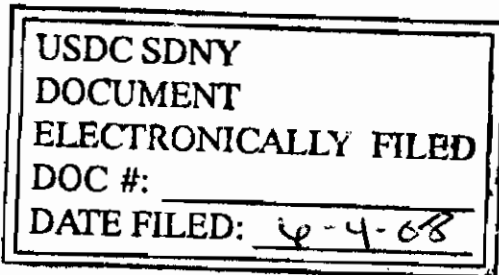
On May 2, 2008, this Office wrote to plaintiff pro se seeking his consent to this request. To date, he has not responded. This is defendant's first request for an extension, as the answer is due today.

Request granted.

SO ORDERED

Ronald L. Ellis 6-4-08


MAGISTRATE JUDGE RONALD L. ELLIS



Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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